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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Ohio Wing hosts a Law Enforcement Career Academy for Civil Air Patrol Cadets**

The Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol held their first Law Enforcement Career Academy at the Ohio State Patrol Training Facility in Columbus, Ohio from July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. Cadets from all over the Great Lakes Region participated, including Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. There were a total of 18 cadets who came to learn about various law enforcement careers, what it takes to get into those academies, and the different aspects of those agencies.



Cadet and senior escorts pose with law enforcement presenters

The cadets received tours of facilities, and several presentations, including a safe driver course, narcotics interdiction, K-9 units, Air force Special Forces Security, FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Marshalls, and the aviation units for the Columbus Police Department and Ohio State Patrol. Highlights of the academy were the live K-9 unit demonstrations, the simulated video training scenarios and the firing range demonstrations at The Columbus Police Academy's facility, morning physical training with the Ohio State Patrol, and an evening out at the Columbus Clippers baseball game.



Academy attendees check out police helicopter

The cadets, and senior advisory staff, were housed and fed at the Ohio State Patrol Academy and had use of their state of the art classrooms for training. The event was packed with activities, and the cadets attending all learned that there are many avenues to pursue in law enforcement and that leadership, self-discipline, and integrity is paramount in pursuing their future careers in these areas. The Ohio Wing hopes to have an even bigger turnout next year with even more interactive activities for the cadets.